

## **Parking Lot Topics from California Water Plan Update 2005**

This list is based on the "Parking Lot Topics" presented at the December 9, 2005 Water Plan Advisory Committee Meeting and the changes/additions received at the AC Meeting. Topics are grouped by Process, Policy, and Technical categories.

### **Process Topics**

1. Consider the division of labor & authority among 1) Planning, 2) Regulation, and 3) Technical Analysis & Data
2. Coordinate with other State agencies to have consistent policies in support of integrated regional planning efforts
3. Pursue interagency opportunities to address water quality strategies and water quality data
4. Integrate water and energy policy recommendations
5. Have stakeholder representation on two dimensions: Communities of Interest (i.e. all policy interests at the table) and Communities of Place (i.e. all regions at the table)
6. Have regional representation reflected in the next Advisory Committee
7. Use regionalization in the planning process
8. Realign DWR resources and programs to better support integrated regional planning throughout the state
9. Ensure DWR staffing for implementation of B160-05 (emphasis seems to be on staffing for the *next* Water Plan)
10. DWR needs a technical advisory group similar to the Advisory Committee to address technical needs of the Water Plan

### **Policy Topics**

11. Track implementation of previous Updates
12. Review how the Plan was used in the political processes and what was used in the decision-making process
13. Consider the Water Plan's social and political ramifications to communities – i.e., legislative actions, data, and decision-making affected by the Water Plan
14. Add more details on funding mechanisms
15. Describe how to implement beneficiary pays and user fees
16. Consider economic theory as well as alternatives to economic theory for water allocation & distribution
17. Include stronger commitment to rebuilding and enhancing the State's water infrastructure
18. Discuss privatization of public water systems
19. Explore the implications of a statewide groundwater law
20. Consider State purchase of federal water facilities
21. Assess impact of water right decisions on communities
22. Discuss relationships with Western U.S. and Mexico

23. Consider ways to merge watershed management efforts and plans & integrated regional water management efforts and plans
24. Bring attention to the increasing importance of water transfers as part of the basic supply for water agencies
25. Consider resource management strategies used by Indigenous Peoples

### **Technical Topics**

26. Develop the Water Plan Information Exchange (Water PIE)
27. Develop the Water Plan Glossary early and deliberately in the next Water Plan Update process
28. Provide a comprehensive analytical framework to expand on Update 2005, Refine future supply and demand estimates
29. Include a “Gap” analysis; either past one or more comprehensive
30. Change environmental water accounting and presentation
31. Change the way Wild & Scenic Rivers are characterized
32. Provide additional info on unmet environmental objectives, and more on instream flows (existing & environmental needs assessment)
33. More “actual” years for water portfolio, especially a series of dry years
34. More local detail for Regional Reports & Water Portfolios
35. More groundwater information (quantity, quality & overdraft)
36. Develop a mechanism for quality assurance as data is compiled and rolled up into higher levels
37. Improve the transparency of data. Show how data are used from various water management plans (UWMP, GWMP, etc.)
38. Work with the California Urban Water Conservation Council and Agricultural Water Management Council to establish data report procedures that will facilitate using Urban Water Management Plans and Agricultural Water Management Plans for the next update.
39. Roll-up Urban Water Management Plans into regional data analyses
40. More on climate change impacts and responses
41. More Scenarios and Response Packages based on more factors
42. Complete AB 2587 analysis – agricultural water demand for food security
43. Interrelationships / integration among Resource Management Strategies
44. Present brackish water and seawater desalination as separate strategies
45. More on energy cost impacts and water – energy relationships
46. More on flood risk
47. More discussion on water marketing & transfer impacts
48. Analyze discrepancies of development plans in individual counties on different parts of the same river.
49. Analyze discrepancies of development plans in individual counties on managed water supply on the state overall (interregional impacts)
50. Evaluate both constructed channel flows and instream flows (land use planning impacts)